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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &  
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Week Ending: November 16, 2014

**Cool, Dry Week**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall for the State ranged from no rain to 0.54 of an inch. Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) received the most with 0.54 of an inch of rain this past week. Pierson (Volusia County) received 0.34 of an inch and Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) received 0.28 of an inch of rain. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 83 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 28 degrees for night time lows to 85 degrees for day time highs, across the State. The highest temperature was 85 degrees in Immokalee (Collier County), Palmdale (Glades County), Sebring (Highlands County), and Lake Alfred (Polk County). The lowest temperature in the State was 28 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County).

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

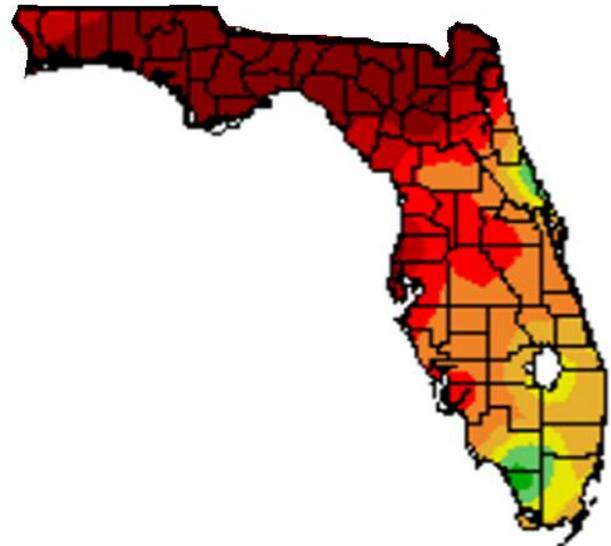
Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	4	2	6
Short .....	34	30	44
Adequate .....	58	63	48
Surplus.....	4	5	2

**Field Crops:** There was an average of 6.3 days suitable for field work this past week, the same as the previous week. Farmers across the State experienced another cool, dry week. Peanut harvesting was near completion in the Panhandle and north Florida at 98 percent complete, slightly below the previous year but slightly above the five year average. Cotton and soybeans continued to be harvested in the Panhandle. Planting of winter grazing was almost complete in the Panhandle. Haying continued in Orange and Seminole counties.

**Peanut Progress**

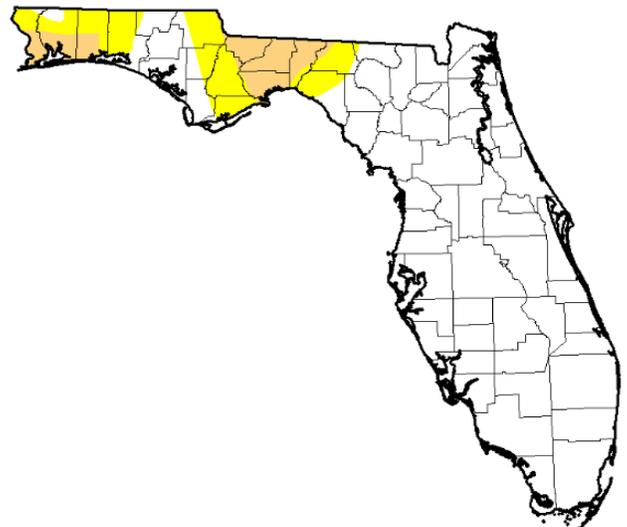
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested .....	98	94	99	97

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: November 9-15, 2014**



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Nov. 11, 2014**



**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

**Livestock and Pastures:** Pasture across the State declined seasonally due to cooler weather and shorter days. Dry soil condition was not conducive to winter pasture establishment in the Panhandle. Cattlemen in Duval County were culling their herds. Statewide, the cattle condition was mostly good while pasture condition was fair to good.

**Cattle and Pasture Condition**

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Current week	Previous week	Current week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor .....	0	0	2	0
Poor .....	1	1	7	8
Fair.....	20	19	38	33
Good.....	73	74	50	56
Excellent .....	6	6	3	3

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Tomato harvest was completed in Gadsden County. Bradford County farmers are harvesting cabbage, broccoli, squash, and greens; planting onions, strawberries, cabbage, and greens. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County include green beans, yellow squash, zucchini, peppers, tomato, eggplant, sweet corn, boniato, and malanga; being harvested were green beans, squash, cucumbers for pickles, okra, boniato, malanga, and avocado.

**Citrus:** Very little rainfall was recorded in the citrus region for the week. Only Umatilla (Lake County) received a significant amount, measuring just over one quarter of an inch. Daytime temperatures were seasonably warm, reaching the mid 80s on most days. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated November 11, 2014, no drought or abnormally dry conditions exist in any citrus producing areas.

The majority of fruit went to the fresh market, with red grapefruit continuing to be the largest share of the harvest. Sunburst tangerine harvest is picking up rapidly, while Fallglo tangerines harvest is about over for the season. Other varieties being harvested in small amounts include Ambersweet and Navel oranges, other early oranges, white grapefruit, and tangelos. Processing plants are open primarily for packinghouse eliminations; a few are preparing to open for field run.

Grove activity included irrigation on several days during the week, mowing in preparation for harvest, spraying and fertilizing. Field workers reported new groves being set in the center and southern portion of the citrus growing region.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending:		
	Nov 2, 2014	Nov 9, 2014	Nov 16, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges.....	92	88	98
Ambersweet .....	7	5	0
Navel oranges.....	34	45	91
White grapefruit.....	67	54	36
Colored grapefruit .....	255	263	270
Fallglo tangerines.....	63	31	7
Sunburst tangerines.....	24	62	116
Tangelos .....	0	4	17
Total .....	542	552	635

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